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Whereas, In September 2005, United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings appointed the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, which was charged with developing a comprehensive national strategy for postsecondary education;

Whereas, The Commission issued its final report in September 2006, calling for national and state-level action to improve college accessibility and affordability while reducing the cost of educational delivery, improving and assessing student learning, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and increasing institutional transparency and accountability;

Whereas, Over 150 educational and governmental leaders and policymakers from throughout the Midwest and beyond met in Indianapolis on November 13 and 14, 2006, in a policy summit convened by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact;

Whereas, Indiana currently ranks behind many of the ten other states in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact on various measures of college preparation and completion of college degrees, as well as in the percentage of state citizens who have earned bachelor's degrees;

Whereas, A strong relationship exists between the



education level of a state's citizenry and the state's economic and societal health and well-being; and

Whereas, The vast majority of jobs created in the future will require a college degree or some other form of advanced technical training, and continued and enhanced efforts are needed to raise the education level of Hoosiers: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 value of higher education to Indiana's future, supports an ongoing
3 discussion of the general recommendations included in the final report
4 of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, and encourages
5 the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the colleges and
6 universities in Indiana, the Indiana Roundtable for Education, and all
7 other related agencies and entities in the state to advance the
8 Commission's recommendations, including:

- 9 (1) improving college access and affordability;
- 10 (2) reducing the cost of educational delivery;
- 11 (3) improving institutional and system efficiencies;
- 12 (4) developing systems for assessing student learning;
- 13 (5) promoting innovation and entrepreneurship; and
- 14 (6) increasing institutional transparency and accountability.

15 SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall:

- 16 (1) continue discussion and dialogue on the report and
17 recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Higher
18 Education, including an honest appraisal of the known and
19 potential obstacles to advancing and fulfilling the various
20 recommendations, in particular those listed in Section 1;
- 21 (2) identify individual and collaborative strategies for removing
22 and overcoming these obstacles;
- 23 (3) develop action plans, time lines, and specific, measurable
24 performance benchmarks for achieving the recommendations;
- 25 (4) share and promote proven strategies and promising practices
26 for achieving and sustaining improved levels of performance in
27 higher education; and
- 28 (5) report to the General Assembly by November 1.

